THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Two persons were arrested on December 5, 2004 by Bareilly Police with a 1 Kg metal package. The metal package contained Uranium. However, the Uranium on examination by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) was found to be depleted Uranium with very low concentration of fissile Uranium, which does not pose any security threat or any significant radiation/health hazard. The piece is now in the custody of the AERB. The State Government has filed a criminal case against the culprits.

Headquarter of banned militant outfit in Jammu and Kashmir

864. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the headquarters of banned militant outfit named as Jaish-e-Mohammed is located in concrete bunkers, deep in the mountains of Tral-dechigam-Dara hills in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the security forces verified the information given by the captured militant Sajjad Ahmed Butt, that these bunkers were equipped with heavy weaponry including anti-aircraft guns; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Available reports do not indicate presence of concrete bunkers with heavy weaponry including anti aircraft guns in Tral-Dachigam-Dara Hills in Jammu and Kashmir. However, the presence of terrorists in remote and inaccessible areas of this hilly track cannot be ruled out.

(c) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the security forces have been laying ambushes and patrolling deep in this hilly terrain regularly. Besides, an additional battalion of Rashtriya Rifles (RR) has been deployed in the area to dominate the ridges and neutralize any terrorist present there.

Criteria to confer national awards

865. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the gudelines/ criteria for selection of the people for conferment of 'Padma Shri' and other such national awards;

(b) the details of the people conferred such awards during the last three years, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether awardees of such honours either decline to accept or offer to relinquish the awards in protest;

(d) if so, the details of such incidents during the last three years; and

(e) what measures are contemplated to ensure transparency and quality of selection of the candidates to ascertain prior consent of the potential recipients and thereby maintaining the dignity of the awards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) Padma Vibhushan, Padam Bhushan and Padma Shri are among the highest civilian awards in the country. Padma Vibhushan is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service, Padma Bhushan for distinguished service of high order and Padam Shri for distinguished service, in any field. All recommendations received for conferment of the awards are considered by the Padma Awards Committee comprising some officials and distinguished persons nominated by the Prime Minister. The recommendations of the Committee are submitted to the Prime Minister and the President. No awards is conferred except on the recommendation of the Padma Awards Committee.

(b) The details of recipients of Padama Awards during the last three years are given in Statement-I. (*See* below)

(c) There have been instances of persons declining the awards on personal predilection/conviction.

(d) The names of persons who declined the awards during the last three years are given in Statement-II. (*See* below)

(e) Government hold constituted a High l evel Review Committee in 1996, under the Chairmanship of the then Vice-President of India, to look into the system of granting awards, review the existing guidelines and suggest criteria for selection of persons for padma Awards. The recommendations of the Committee were accepted by the Government and have been implemented.

The normal practice is to informally seek the consent of the persons selected for the awards before the awards are announced. However, due to paucity of time, non-availability of some such persons at the known addresses, etc., it is not always possible to obtain the consent of everyone.

Statement-I

Details of recipients of Padma Awards during the last three years

2002

Sl.	Name of the awardee	Award conferred
1.	Dr. Chakravarthi Rangarajan	Padma Vibhushan
2.	Dr. (Smt.) Gangubai Hangal	Padma Vibhushan
3.	Pandit Kishan Maharaj	Padma Vibhushan
4.	Smt. Kishori Amonkar	Padma Vibhushan
5.	Shri Soli Jehangir Sorabjee	Padma Vibhushan
6.	Shri Bellur Krishnamachar Sundara Raja Iyengar	Padma Bhushan
7.	Shri Chandrakant Gulabrao Borde	Padma Bhushan
8.	Shri Faquir Chand Kohli	Padma Bhushan
9.	Shri Frank Pallone	Padma Bhushan
10.	Shri Gary Ackerman	Padma Bhushan
11.	Shri Guri Ivanovich Marchuk	Padma Bhushan
12.	Shri Habib Ahmed Khan Tanvir	Padma Bhushan
13.	Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia	Padma Bhushan
14.	Shri Menning Holck Larsen	Padma Bhushan
15.	Shri Ismail Merchant	Padma Bhushan
16.	Shri Jagat Singh Mehta	Padma Bhushan
17.	Shri Kattassery Joseph Yesudas	Padma Bhushan
18.	Shri Kottayan Katankot Venugopal	Padma Bhushan
19.	Shri Maharajakrishna Rasgotra	Padma Bhushan
20.	Shri Mario De Miranda	Padma Bhushan
21.	Prof. Natesan Rangabashyam	Padma Bhushan
22.	Shri Nirmal Verma	Padma Bhushan
23.	Dr. Prabha Atre	Padma Bhushan
24.	Shri Pravinchandra Varjivan Gandhi	Padma Bhushan
25.	Shri Ramanujam Varatharaja Perumal	Padma Bhushan

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26.	Smt. Sobha Gurtu	Padma Bhushan
27.	Prof. Sushantha Kumar Bhattacharya	Padma Bhushan
28.	Prof. Vangalampalayam Chellappagounder Kulandaiswamy	Padma Bhushan
29.	Shri Yevgeni Petrovich Chelyshev	Padma Bhushan
30.	Shri Zakir Hussain	Padma Bhushan
31.	Smt. Manorama	Padma Shri
32.	Ustad Abdul Latif Khan	Padma Shri
33.	Prof. Amitav Malik	Padma Shri
34.	Dr. Anand Swarup Arya	Padma Shri
35.	Dr. Apathukatha Sivathanu Pillai	Padma Shri
36.	Dr. Ashok Jhunjhunwala	Padma Shri
37.	Dr. Ashok Ramchandra Kelkar	Padma Shri
38.	Dr. Atluri Sriman Narayana	Padma Shri
39.	Dr. Byrana Nagappa Suresh	Padma Shri
40.	Dr. Chaitanyamoy Ganguly	Padma Shri
41.	Ms. Darshana Navnitlal Jhaveri	Padma Shri
42.	Ms. Diana Fram Edulji	Padma Shri
43.	Shri Dimitris C. Velissaropoulos	Padma Shri
44.	Prof. Dorairajan Balasubramanian	Padma Shri
45.	Dr. Duvvur Nageshwar Reddy	Padma Shri
46.	Shri Fazal Mohammad	Padma Shri
47.	Shri Gopal Chhotray	Padma Shri
48.	Shri Govind Nihalani	Padma Shri
49.	Dr. Gullapalli Nageswara Rao	Padma Shri
50.	Shri Gyan Chand Jain	Padma Shri
51.	Dr. Harsh Mahajan	Padma Shri
52.	Dr. Harshel Sawi Luaia	Padma Shri
53.	Shri Hirebettu Sadananda Kamath	Padma Shri
54.	Dr. Idupunganti Venkata Subba Rao	Padma Shri

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55.	Shri Jaspal Rana	Padma Shri
56.	Dr. Kamaljit Singh Paul	Padma Shri
57.	Dr. Karimpat Mathangi Ramakrishnan	Padma Shri
58.	Shri Katuru Narayana	Padma Shri
59.	Dr. Kim Yang Shik	Padma Shri
60.	Dr. Kiran Martin	Padma Shri
61.	Ms. Kiran Segal	Padma Shri
62.	Dr. Kota Harinarayana	Padma Shri
63.	Shri Madhu Mangesh Karnik	Padma Shri
64.	Shri Mani Ratnam	Padma Shri
65.	Smt. Mani Krishnaswami	Padma Shri
66.	Dr. Munirathna Anandakrishnan	Padma Shri
67.	Shri Muzaffer Hussain	Padma Shri
68.	Prof. Narayanaswamy Balakrishnan	Padma Shri
69.	Shri Navaneetham Padmanabha Seshadri	Padma Shri
70.	Smt. Norma Alvares	Padma Shri
71.	Prof. Padmanabham Balaram	Padma Shri
72.	Shri Phillips Talbot	Padma Shri
73.	Dr. Pradeep Kumar Chowbey	Padma Shri
74.	Dr. Prahlad Kumar Sethi	Padma Shri
75.	Dr. Prakash Murlidhar Amte	Padma Shri
76.	Dr. Prakash Nanalal Kothari	Padma Shri
77.	Smt. Prema Narendra Purao	Padma Shri
78.	Smt. Pushpa Bhuyan	Padma Shri
79.	Smt. Raj Begum	Padma Shri
80.	Shri Rajan Devadas	Padma Shri
81.	Prof. Ramanath Cowsik	Padma Shri
82.	Mrs. Saroja Vaidyanathan	Padma Shri
83.	Dr. Satish Chandra Rai	Padma Shri
84.	Dr. Sivananda Rajaram	Padma Shri

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85.	Dr. Suresh Hariram Advani	Padma Shri
86.	Shri Taro Nakayama	Padma Shri
87.	Shri Thettagudi Hariharasarama Vinayakram	Padma Shri
88.	Dr. Turlapaty Kutumba Rao	Padma Shri
89.	Shri Veettikat Kunduthodiyil Madhvan Kutty	Padma Shri
90.	Prof. Vijay Kumar Dada	Padma Shri
91.	Dr. Vikram Marwaha	Padma Shri
92.	Shri Virendra Kumar Sharma	Padma Shri
93.	Shri Viresh Pratap Chaudhry	Padma Shri
94.	Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt	Padma Shri
95.	Shri Wannakuwattawaduge Don Amardeva	Padma Shri

2003

1.	Shri Bal Ram Nanda	Padma Vibhushan
2.	Vaid Bhrihaspati Dev Triguna	Padma Vibhushan
3.	Shri Kazi Lhendup Dorji Kangsarpa	Padma Vibhushan
4.	Smt. Sonal Mansingh	Padma Vibhushan
5.	Smt. Swapnasundari	Padma Bhushan
6.	Shri Ammannur Madhava Chakyar	Padma Bhushan
7.	Dr. Arcot Ramachandran	Padma Bhushan
8.	Prof. Bagicha Singh Minhas	Padma Bhushan
9.	Shri Balasubramania Rajam Iyer	Padma Bhushan
10.	Shri Coluthur Gopalan	Padma Bhushan
11.	Shri Hari Shankar Singhania	Padma Bhushan
12.	Shri Herbert Fischer	Padma Bhushan
13.	Dr. Herbert Alexandrovich Yefremov	Padma Bhushan
14.	Shri Jagjit Singh	Padma Bhushan
15.	Shri Jamshyd Naoroji Godrej	Padma Bhushan
16.	Dr. Kantilal Hastimal Sancheti	Padma Bhushan
17.	Shri Madurai Narayanan Krishnan	Padma Bhushan

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18.	Shri Narayanan Srinivasan	Padma Bhushan
19.	Shri Naseeruddin Shah	Padma Bhushan
20.	Shri Ottupulakkal Velukkuty Vijayan	Padma Bhushan
21.	Dr. (Kumari) Padma Subrahmanyam	Padma Bhushan
22.	Shri Parasaran Kesava Iyengar	Padma Bhushan
23.	Shri Prabhu Dayal Chawla	Padma Bhushan
24.	Shri Puliyur Subramaniam Narayanaswamy	Padma Bhushan
25.	Dr. Purshotam Lal	Padma Bhushan
26.	Prof. Rajinder Kumar	Padma Bhushan
27.	Shri Ram Badan Singh	Padma Bhushan
28.	Dr. Ramesh Kumar	Padma Bhushan
29.	Dr. Shri Krishna Joshi	Padma Bhushan
30.	Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra	Padma Bhushan
31.	Shri Subhas Mukhopadhyay	Padma Bhushan
32.	Smt. Teejan Bai	Padma Bhushan
33.	Shri Thaliyadiparambil Vittappa Ramachandra Shenoy	Padma Bhushan
34.	Shri Tiruvalangadu Vembu Iyer Sankaranarayanan	Padma Bhushan
35.	Shri Trichur Vaidyanatha Ramachandran	Padma Bhushan
36.	Shri Umayalpuram Kasiviswanatha Sivaraman	Padma Bhushan
37.	Shri Nokdenlemba	Padma Shri
38.	Shri Aamir Khan	Padma Shri
39.	Dr. Ashok Seth	Padma Shri
40.	Prof. Asok Kumar Barua	Padma Shri
41.	Shri Baburao Govindrao Shirke	Padma Shri
42.	Dr. Chawngthu Lalhmingliana	Padma Shri
43.	Shri Danny Denzongpa	Padma Shri
44.	Dr. Francis Dore	Padma Shri
45.	Prof. Gopal Chandra Mitra	Padma Shri

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46.	Shri Gopal Purushottam Phadke	Padma Shri
47.	Dr. Gyan Chandra Mishra	Padma Shri
48.	Prof. Jagdev Singh Guleria	Padma Shri
49.	Dr. Jagdish Chaturvedi	Padma Shri
50.	Shri Jahnu Barua	Padma Shri
51.	Dr. Jai Bhagwan Chowdhury	Padma Shri
52.	Dr. Jai Pal Mittal	Padma Shri
53.	Ms. Jyotirmoyee Sikdar	Padma Shri
54.	Shri Kanhaya Lal Pokhriyal	Padma Shri
55.	Shri Kishorebhai Ratilal Zaveri	Padma Shri
56.	Smt. Kshetrimayum Ongbi Thouranisabi Devi	Padma Shri
57.	Shri Mahendra Singh Sodha	Padma Shri
58.	Ms. Malavika Sarukkai	Padma Shri
59.	Shri Manthiram Natarajan	Padma Shri
60.	Shri Manzoor Ahtesham	Padma Shri
61.	Dr. Motilal Jotwani	Padma Shri
62.	Shri Nagarajan Vedachalam	Padma Shri
63.	Shri Nalli Kuppuswami Chettiar	Padma Shri
64.	Shri Nandanoori Mukesh Kumar	Padma Shri
65.	Prof. Narayana Panicker Kochupillai	Padma Shri
66.	Dr. Neelakanta Ramakrishna Madhava Menon	Padma Shri
67.	Shri Nemichandra Jain	Padma Shri
68.	Shri Om Prakash jain	Padma Shri
69.	Shri Pratapsinh Ganapatrao Jadhav	Padma Shri
70.	Dr. Pritam Singh	Padma Shri
71.	Dr. Rajagopalan Krishnan Vaidian	Padma Shri
72.	Smt. Rakhee Gulzar	Padma Shri
73.	Prof. Ram Gopal Bajaj	Padma Shri
74.	Shri Ramasamy Vairamuthu	Padma Shri
75.	Ms. Ranjana Gauhar	Padma Shri

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76.	Prof. (Smt.) Rita Ganguly	Padma Shri
77.	Shri Sadashiv Vasantrao Gorakshkar	Padma Shri
78.	Dr. Sarvagya Singh Katiyar	Padma Shri
79.	Pandit Satish Chintaman Vyas	Padma Shri
80.	Ustad Shafaat Ahmed Khan	Padma Shri
81.	Shri Shailendra Nath Shrivastava	Padma Shri
82.	Shri Shivram Baburao Bhoje	Padma Shri
83.	Shri Srinivas Venkataraghavan	Padma Shri
84.	Smt. Sukumari Sathyabhama	Padma Shri
85.	Shri Sundaram Ramakrishnan	Padma Shri
86.	Shri Tekkatte Narayan Shanbhag	Padma Shri
87.	Shri Thoguluva Meenakshi Iyengar Sounderarajan	Padma Shri
88.	Shri Vadiraj Raghavendra Katti	Padma Shri
89.	Smt. Verna Elizabeth Watre Ingty	Padma Shri
90.	Dr. Vijay Prakash Singh	Padma Shri
91.	Dr. Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad	Padma Shri

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1.	Ms. Amrita Pritam	Padma Vibhushan
2.	Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar	Padma Vibhushan
3.	Justice (Retd.) Shri Manepalli Narayana Rao Venkatachaliah	Padma Vibhushan
4.	Shri Gulzar	Padma Bhushan
5.	Smt. Alarmel Valli	Padma Bhushan
6.	Dr. (Lt. Gen.) Bijoy Nandan Shahi	Padma Bhushan.
7.	Just. (Retd.) Chandrashekhar Shankar Dharmadhikari	Padma Bhushan.
8.	Dr. (Prof.) Chennamaneni Hanumantha Rao	Padma Bhushan
9.	Prof. Gopi Chand Narang	Padma Bhushan
10.	Prof. Govindarajan Padmanaban	Padma Bhushan
11.	Late Shri Komal Kothari	Padma Bhushan
12.	Dr. Krishna Srinivas	Padma Bhushan

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13.	Shri Madhav Vittal Kamath	Padma Bhushan
14.	Shri Madurai Thirumalai Nambi Seshagopalan	Padma Bhushan
15.	Dr. Smt. N. Rajam	Padma Bhushan
16.	Smt. Poornima Arvind Pakvasa	Padma Bhushan
17.	Prof. Sardara Singh Johl	Padma Bhushan
18.	Shri Soumitra Chatterjee	Padma Bhushan
19.	Shri Thoppil Varghese Antony	Padma Bhushan
20.	Shri Tiruvengadam Lakshman Sankar	Padma Bhushan
21.	Shri Vishnu Prabhakar	Padma Bhushan
22.	Shri Yoshiro Mori	Padma Bhushan
23.	Shri A. Hariharan	Padma Shri
24.	Prof. Anil Kumar Gupta	Padma Shri
25.	Smt. Anju Bobby George	Padma Shri
26.	Shri Anupam Kher	Padma Shri
27.	Dr. Arun Trimbak Dabke	Padma Shri
28.	Dr. Ashwin Balachand Mehta	Padma Shri
29.	Prof. Asifa Zamani	Padma Shri
30.	Shri Aubakir Dastanuly Nilibayev	Padma Shri
31.	Shri Bal Gangadhar Samant	Padma Shri
32.	Shri Batchu Lutchmiah Srinivasa Murthy	Padma Shri
33.	Pandit Bhajan Sopori	Padma Shri
34.	Shri Bharathi Rajaa	Padma Shri
35.	Smt. Bharati Shivaji	Padma Shri
36.	Dr. (Smt.) Dalip Kaur Tiwana	Padma Shri
37.	Pt. Damodar Keshav Datar	Padma Shri
38.	Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty	Padma Shri
39.	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey	Padma Shri
40.	Ms. Flora Isabel MacDonald	Padma Shri
41.	Dr. Gopal Prasad Sinha	Padma Shri
42.	Smt. Gowri Ishwaran	Padma Shri
43.	Smt. Gurmayum Anita Devi	Padma Shri

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44.	Prof. Hamlet Bareh Ngapkynta	Padma Shri
45.	Shri Haridwaramangalam A. Kumarvel Palanivel	Padma Shri
46.	Prof. (Dr.) Heinrich Freiherr Von Stietencor	Padma Shri
47.	Shri Heisnam Kanhailal	Padma Shri
48.	Ms. K. M. Beenamol	Padma Shri
49.	Shri Kadri Gopalnath	Padma Shri
50.	Shri Kanhaiya Lal Sethia	Padma Shri
51.	Shri Kantibhai Baldevbhai Patel	Padma Shri
52.	Guru Keezhpadam Kumaran Nair	Padma Shri
53.	Prof. Kesava Paniker Ayyappa Paniker	Padma Shri
54.	Shri Krishn Kanhai	Padma Shri
55.	Dr. Kudli Nanjuda Ghanpathi Shankara	Padma Shri
56.	Dr. Kumarpal Desai	Padma Shri
57.	Dr. Lalji Singh	Padma Shri
58.	Shri Leeladhar Jagoodi	Padma Shri
59.	Shri Maguni Charan Das	Padma Shri
60.	Prof. Mamannamanan Vijayan	Padma Shri
61.	Shri Manoranjan Das	Padma Shri
62.	Kumari Meher Jehangir Banaji	Padma Shri
63.	Shri Morup Namgial	Padma Shri
64.	Shri Nalini Ranjan Mohanty	Padma Shri
65.	Shri Nampally Diwakar	Padma Shri
66.	Shri Neyyattinkara Vasudevan	Padma Shri
67.	Shri P. Parameswaran	Padma Shri
68.	Ms. Premlata Puri	Padma Shri
69.	Prof. Prithvi Nath Kaula	Padma Shri
70.	Shri Purshottam Das Jalota	Padma Shri
71.	Smt. Queenie Rynjah	Padma Shri
72.	Shri Rahul Dravid	Padma Shri
73.	Prof. (Dr.) Rajan Saxena	Padma Shri
74.	Prof. Rajpal Singh Sirohi	Padma Shri
75.	Dr. Ramesh Chandra Shah	Padma Shri
76.	Yogacharya Sadashiv Prahlad Nimbalkar	Padma Shri

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77.	Dr. Samuel Paul	Padma Shri
78.	Shri Satish Kumar Kaura	Padma Shri
79.	Dr. Sharad Moreshwar Hardikar	Padma Shri
80.	Smt. Sharayu Daftary	Padma Shri
81.	Dr. Shyam Narain Panday	Padma Shri
82.	Dr. Siddhartha Mehta	Padma Shri
83.	Smt. Sikkil Natesan Neela	Padma Shri
84.	Smt. Sikkil Venkatraman Kunjumani	Padma Shri
85.	Shri Soufav Ganguly	Padma Shri
86.	Dr. Subhash Chand Manchanda	Padma Shri
87.	Smt. Sudha Raghunathan	Padma Shri
88.	Shri Sudhir Tailang	Padma Shri
89.	Prof. (Smt) Sunita Jain	Padma Shri
90.	Pandit Surinder Singh	Padma Shri
91.	Dr. Surinder Kumar Sama	Padma Shri
92.	Dr. Syed Shah Mohammed Hussaini	Padma Shri
93.	Dr. (Smt.) Tatyana Yakovlevna Elizarenkova	Padma Shri
94.	Dr. Turnkur Seetharamiah Prahlad	Padma Shri
95.	Guru Shri Veernala Jayaram Rao	Padma Shri
96.	Dr. Vishweshwaraiah Prakash	Padma Shri

Statement-II

List of Persons Who Have Declined to Receive the Award During Last Three Years

Year	Name of the Person	Award
2002	Ms. Sitara Devi	Padma Bhushan
	Smt. Indira Goswami	Padma Shri
	Shri Chandra Prasad Saikia	Padma Shri
	Shri Dipchand Savraj Gardi	Padma Shri
	Shri Keshubh Mahindra	Padma Bhushan
2003	Shri Sidh Raj Dhada	Padma Bhushan
	Shri Dattopant Bapu Rao Thengadi	Padma Bhushan
2004	Nil	